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# Trustees approve security increase

## ■ \$350,000 moved to fund additional staff, equipment

By Debi Carr  
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA- Because of rising crime statistics, board members voted Monday to shift \$350,000 from the district's budget to fund additional staff and equipment for RSCCD's Department of Security and Safety. "We place a high priority on the safety of our campuses and centers for students, fac-

ulty, staff and visitors," said Chancellor Vivian Blevins. "Our campuses have been safe and now they are even safer."

Emergency telephones will be installed at the Santa Ana, Orange and Centennial campuses. At a cost of \$168,000 security hopes the installation of these phones will enable students to access security officers easily for assistance.

The college plans on using \$20,000 to install swinging vehicle gates at the Santa Ana campus, so the campus can be closed to traffic at certain times.

Two 12 foot observation platforms, priced

at \$16,000, will be built in strategic parking areas where crime has been a consistent problem to security officials.

A comprehensive training program will be initiated for department staff. Additional employees will be hired and a grave-yard shift will be added. These expenditures will total \$350,000. According to Charles W. "Pete" Maddox, board clerk, "Non-recurring costs amounting to \$213,840 will be shifted from district reserve funds. These will cover the tower structures, swinging gates, emergency phones and the training program."

Increased parking fees will provide the annual \$158,000 needed to maintain the extra security officers, he said.

According to Johnson, the added security officers and grave-yard shift coverage will aid in the prevention of crimes that are committed during weekends and after midnight when the department is closed. He said, "We have a lot of problems over the weekends, when people have no business being here."

Johnson thinks that towers in the parking lots will improve visibility and deter the rash of larceny which has been on the rise.

## Coping with baaaaad weather...



**HIDING OUT** - Babs the sheep, a resident of the Santa Ana Zoo, does her best to avoid the rain. Yet another storm is expected to hit the southland by Monday.

## REORGANIZATION

## Sketchy plans leave administrators, staff unsure about future

By Thea Gavin  
el Don Staff Writer

Sweeping changes are on the way at RSC, and anxiety about job responsibilities is accompanying Chancellor Vivian Blevins' plan to restructure both jobs and programs throughout the college.

Continuing growth at RSC without the dollars to hire additional staff has necessitated what Blevins calls a "reallocation of resources."

First unveiled at the end of January, Blevins' plan calls for the re-evaluation of all administrative positions and a shifting of personnel. Programs now based at the Santa Ana campus could also be decentralized to other sites.

"Basically, we're all lame ducks," said David Dobos, dean of students. "In the charts that I've seen, my current position isn't there, so I have to assume that I'm going to be changing where I am."

"It's created a certain amount of tension, in terms of planning. I think once I know where I'm going to be, which campus I'm going to be on and which area I might be involved with, things will be a little more stable,"

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## CHEATING: Part II in a series

**S**o why risk expulsion by being caught for cheating? Timothy Brooks, dean of students at the University of Delaware explains it by saying, "There's a great pressure to do good, they have to make sure they do good, they have to make sure they do a little better because they may want to go to medical school or work in a Fortune 500 Company."

Donald McCabe, ethics business professor at Rutgers University graduate school of management, who conducted a recent survey on cheating said, "Another reason students cheat is because they believe our nation's leaders are amoral, especially when they read about all the financial scandals on Wall Street, allegations of corruption at the White House and in Congress; and don't feel they're really doing anything wrong."

# RUNNING THE RISK

Many students are willing to test the odds and cheat in college simply to get a better job

By Kim Nelson

One student, in her response to a Rutgers questionnaire, said, "If our leaders can commit such heinous acts and then lie before a Senate committee about their total ignorance and innocence, than why can't I cheat a little?"

About 75 percent of RSC students polled felt too much emphasis is being placed on grades, rather than learning. One RSC student said, "At times the price of a D is much higher than your ethical standards."

"Students are real smart," said Bill Reeves,

coordinator of student discipline at Cal State Fullerton. "They see the universities as having a currency which is credits/grades and with so many, you get a degree. The degree is the gatekeeping function and with it you receive a ticket to get in."

Reeves said, "The students see the faculty as placing a lot of hurdles in front of them. They view their classes as something to get out of the way."

Reeves believes the major problem facing universities today is the different academic values between the faculty, administration and the students.

"Academic values were very important to full-time students in the past who held high value on doing their own work, which is

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## College Wire

### Freshman Charged With Hacking

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (CPS)-The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has arrested a Florida Community College freshman for allegedly tampering with a company's computer network.

Thomas Harkey Jr. turned himself in Feb. 25 after police traced a Dec. 15 breach in the computer system of Cardinal Distribution Inc., an Ohio-based pharmaceutical company.

FDLE agents accused Harkey of randomly dialing 800 numbers to find another computer link, then breaking the computer's access codes and inserting his own. The computer breach shut down Cardinal's Buffalo office for two days.

Agents said the foul-up cost the company \$25,000.

Harkey faces felony and misdemeanor charges in connection with the computer breach, as well as misdemeanor charges of making and possessing materials for counterfeiting driver's licenses and unauthorized possession of a driver's license.

### Money Donated For Disabled Students

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (CPS)-A former UPS executive who gave \$36 million in scholarships last year says he wants to guarantee an education in state colleges to every needy disabled student in Florida.

Theodore R. Johnson's scholarship will be available in the fall and would help an estimated 2,000 students. The gifts would average about \$2,500 per student, but could go as high as \$5,000 per school year.

"One day my wife and I woke up and decided to put our money in education. It does more good than anything. We weren't interested in horses or boats," Johnson said.

Johnson's foundation, the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson-Foundation, funds middle-income students who don't qualify for other aid, American Indians, and schools for the deaf and blind and scholarships for children of UPS workers.

"I have had 600 letters and phone calls in the last four months," says Johnson, now a widower who has hired a secretary to help him answer a daily mountain of mail.

With Johnson's gift, disabled students who maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average would receive annual scholarships. The donations may also cover special computers, Braille readers or learning aids.

### Snowball Fight Turns Aggressive

MOSCOW, Idaho (CPS)-Two University of Idaho students were arrested after a five-hour free-for-all degenerated into "the worst snowball fight in several years," police said.

Police officers were called in to break up the melee, which included attacks on two school officials - James Bauer, director of housing, and Bruce Pitman, dean of Student Advisory Services - who were bombarded with snowballs and thrown to the ground when they tried to intervene.

"After the fight, we found snowballs with batteries and rocks inside of them, and there was a lot of serious aggression," Moscow Police Chief Dave Cameron said.

The school newspaper, The Argonaut, reported that the snow began flying about 9 p.m. Jan. 22 on Greek Row, when a few fraternities apparently began pelting other houses with snowballs and rallying more people to join. Within an hour, scores of people were involved.

Then the mob made its way to the university dormitories and confronted resident hall advisers and the two school officials, police said.

"There were a few moments early on when the attitudes of the participants were very mean-spirited," Cameron said.

Two students - Bradley Selvig, 20, and George Yarbrough, 26 - were arrested and charged with unlawful assembly to disturb the peace.

### University Rejects Condom Machines

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (CPS)-Middle Tennessee State University administrators have rejected a student government resolution to install condom machines in every campus residence hall.

Dr. Robert C. LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs, decided to nix the resolution approved by the Student Government Association in October 1991.

"This has nothing to do with being prudish or backward," LaLance told the student newspaper, Sidelines.

"It was not a disagreement in subject, but in method to serve the students on health-related issues with health services," he said. "There is an appropriate place providing for this need."

The resolution stated that condom machines would provide protection from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

"We're going to try to put it through again," said Toby Gilley, speaker of the SGA Senate. "With AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, I don't see how any measure could be enough."

## Blowing into town...



Cindy Licerio / el Don Photo

WINDY CITY - An RSC student does her best to cope with the Santa Ana winds as they blew in another storm late this week.

### Note This

## Sandoval not encouraged by 'State of the Students'

By Julie Wells  
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA- Although Chris Sandoval was hoping to increase participation in student government this year by revising the constitution and expanding activities, attendance at the State of the Student Union Address was less than promising.

Associated Student Body President Chris Sandoval and Chancellor Vivian Blevins spoke to a group of about 20 students to review this year's accomplishments and outline those set to take effect next year.

Sandoval said, "The student senate provided the campus with new, less expensive vendors in the student lounge, and were also responsible for preventing an increase in the price of student parking permits."

One of the most innovative ideas this year was the creation of a student identity/activity card which will be available next fall. According to Sandoval, the student identity card, will be used in campus facilities, such as the library or the tutorial center.

In the future Sandoval would like to see the RSC student representatives become just that; "An active and

complete representation of the total student population. This will cause the student government to become an invaluable resource to the student body," he said.

Sandoval addressed the issue of urging the trustees at the college to grant full voting privileges to the student trustee at board meetings. This would prove to be a vital step in assuring the rights of the whole student body and will help to fulfill requirements set forth by AB 1725, which mandates shared governance, sources said.

Blevins proposed several ideas, intended to create a more self-satisfying educational environment for students.

She said, volunteers are needed as big brothers or big sisters to offer companionship to the young in our community. People of all ages must, in our society today, be forced to address the issue of racial hatred. She added that food and clothing banks are needed to help the less fortunate.

Students at RSC need to examine the problem of cheating, Blevins said, which has been running rampant through our classrooms. Once these issues are met, Blevins believes that the quality of our campus will help students to "leave footprints" behind them, and walk off into life, with a feeling of pride.



# CHEATING:

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represented by the faculty and administrators of today, and now they're teaching kids who don't hold the same beliefs and don't share the same values," Reeves said.

In a report outlining the issues and perspectives of academic integrity, The National Association of Students Personnel Administrators recommended that colleges across the country take the initiative to address this growing problem.

"Cheating has become an acceptable way of life with too little being done to prevent it, and there is a reluctance on the part of faculty and administrators to report and prosecute when it occurs," said Richard Correnti, past president of the NASPA. "At best the problem is dealt with unevenly; at worst it avoided or totally ignored."

"Too little has been written about the problem and practical guidelines for prevention and handling academic dishonesty is practically non-existent," according to Correnti.

Not having guidelines for academic dishonesty has caused confusion as to what is or isn't acceptable and many students do not know what constitutes cheating and plagiarism.

According to Correnti "Prevention

*"There's a great pressure to do good, they have to make sure they do good, they have to make sure they do a little better because they may want to go to medical school or work in a Fortune 500 Company."*

**Timothy Brooks**  
dean of students, University of Delaware

is the best way to protest academic integrity and prevention begins by developing clear written definitions of academic dishonesty."

In an effort to begin to deal with this complex issue RSC faculty recently met to discuss the impact and strategies needed to combat this growing problem. According to David Dobos, dean of students at RSC, "Cheating is a actual short cut through a maze, and when a student views the exam as a hurdle and see the instructor as an opponent, they will remove the obstruction to get a grade."

"The key is to make students see the connection, when they feel it is relevant to them, they are less likely to cheat," Dobos said.

Many students believe the risk is minimal and the gain out weighs the penalty, that may or may not be enforced by the instructor.

Next Week CHEATING Part III

## Potential Ways To Halt Cheating

Some recommendations in the NASPA report are:

**What causes academic dishonesty?**

- 1) Students are unaware of how academic dishonesty is defined
- 2) Students believe that it doesn't matter how much they learn
- 3) Students values have changed. the ability to succeed at all cost is one of the most cherished value.
- 4) Increased competition for enrollment in popular disciplines and for admission to prestigious graduate and professional schools.
- 5) Students are succumbing to frequent temptation and faculty members are careless about securing examinations or proctoring exams.
- 6) The risk associated with cheating are minimal
  - A) Established campus sanctions may not be appropriate.
  - B) Faculty members may avoid using campus disciplinary procedures.

**What can be done to prevent academic dishonesty?**

- 1) Develop a clear written definition of academic dishonesty
- Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise.
- Fabrication: Intentional and

unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.

Facilitating academic dishonesty: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.

2) Faculty should create an environment in individual courses which eliminate the need and the opportunity to be dishonest.

Develop course objectives and tie all tests and assignments to those objectives.

Faculty members should know their students capabilities.

Faculty should use part of the first class to review campus standards.

The course syllabus should contain a statement alerting students to the institution's academic integrity policies.

A pool of test questions should be developed to change test each term.

Teachers should supply official examination booklets at examinations.

"Take home" examinations should be avoided, unless student collaboration is desired.

The use of standard examinations contained in teacher's manuals should be avoided.

# PLAN:

Change has many wondering about status, responsibilities

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Dobos said.

"But right now, all I know is that we're going to be reorganized...I think that everyone's feeling anxious about the changes," Dobos said.

Donna Picard, dean of applied arts and science, said she is proceeding with business as usual, working on a fall schedule as if she would still be in the same job. "If I'm changed, I'll work on new programs next year. I just don't know."

"Any time there is change, there's a certain amount of anxiety," Picard said. "But I think the anxiety is much lower at this point than it was two months ago."

Picard said that since the reorganization was introduced, the people affected have had the opportunity to comment on the plan. As a result, there have been many examples of changes made because of faculty and administrator input, Picard said. "People feel they are being listened to."

On the other hand, the reallocation of resources is still causing anxiety in some divisions. Two anonymous sources in the learning resources division were fearful of being identified. "We're in such

turmoil and confusion that I can't tell you anything," one source said.

People feel up in the air, agreed the other, who said that it was impossible to talk about plans for next year until the reorganization plans are finalized.

An administrative secretary, who requested anonymity, said she felt her job was in jeopardy. If her boss' position was eliminated, she said, hers would be also.

Although unit meetings were held weekly to keep the staff informed, she said, week to week changes in the reorganizational plan were causing feelings of upset in her department.

"I have been told that there's some anxiety," Blevins said, "and

I can well understand that. It baffles me just a bit, though, because we have told everybody that no one will lose a title, no one will lose pay."

"We're going to do this cooperatively," Blevins said, with people volunteering for the new positions they would like hold in the new management structure.

"I think any time you take resources, and you start giving those resources to other people, other campuses, it lets people know that their lives will be changed, and the work load of course will be heavier," Blevins said.

This will last until more money is made available to RSC from the state, she said.

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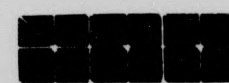
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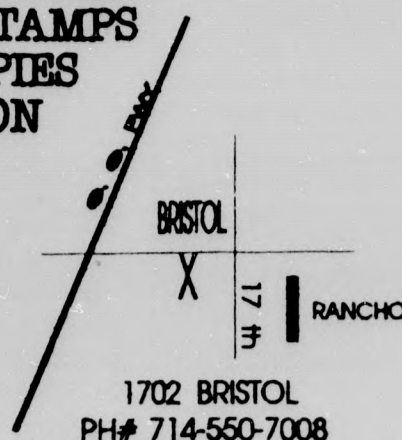
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## The promise of reaganomics: one IOU that won't be paid

During the Reagan-Bush Administration, tax cuts for the rich were approved on the theory that giving tax breaks to the very rich would allow them to invest more, thereby creating more and better jobs. That way everybody would benefit.

Unfortunately, that's not the way it worked out.

Paul Krugman, an MIT economist, says, "We know that productivity has increased since 1977 and that more people are working. Where did all that extra income go? The answer is that it all went to the very top." The numbers bear him out.

According to the *New York Times*, in 1977 people at the top one percent of the economic ladder paid more than 35 percent of their gross income in taxes; in 1989, the top one percent paid less than 27 percent. In 1977, according to the *Times*, the combined after-tax income of the top one percent was less than half the combined after-tax income of the bottom 40 percent; by 1989, it almost equaled it.

But the promised trickle down of benefits never materialized. In the 1980s, according to the *Times*, middle-income people (those between the top one percent and bottom 40 percent) saw their after-tax income go up by an underwhelming four percent (after adjusting for inflation), while the after-tax inflation-adjusted income of the poorest 40 percent actually declined.

Far too often, instead of investing in new plants and equipment here, the beneficiaries of the Reagan-Bush economic policies closed plants here and opened new ones overseas. Instead of starting new businesses, they simply bought existing ones.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that only the costs of Reagan-Bush economic policies, not the benefits, are going to trickle down.

## New police motto: 'Smile, you're on candid camera'

Seconds after watching the video tape showing several of L.A.'s finest beating a prone Rodney King, the defendants, their lawyers and their witnesses say that the beating was justified. Do they really think we'll buy that?

The defense in the trial of the four L.A. policemen charged with misconduct in connection with the King beating are trying to convince the jury — and the world — that their actions fell within LAPD guidelines. But, even if true, that is no defense, for neither the individual officers nor the department policy is above the law.

The police did not bother to have King's blood or urine tested for drugs, but they are trying to portray him as a crazed maniac, high on PCP. The video tape tells another story. What it shows is crazed policemen, paid to protect and defend the public, venting their aggression on an unarmed civilian.

Unfortunately, for the LAPD and the four officers on trial, another civilian was armed with a rather unconventional weapon — a video camera. Unfortunately, for the rest of us, most police misconduct is not similarly recorded.

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F. Colin Kingston

## House scandal is out of balance

### ■ Bad as it is, many things are even worse than Rubbergate

I'M CONFUSED BY THE UPROAR created by "Rubbergate," the scandal involving overdrafts by members of the House of Representatives at the now defunct House bank.

Does the scandal bother me? Yes. Do I think members who violated the law should be punished? Of course. That is not what confuses me. In my mind, there are many worse things the American public should be upset about.

Consider: Voters are mad about one of their representatives bouncing 400 bad checks but they don't seem at all concerned about the fact that Congress has racked up a \$400 billion deficit—and that is only for this year. Our total deficit has now reached one trillion dollars!

We've mortgaged the future of our children, maybe even that of our grandchildren. Like an over extended credit card, the bill is now due and must be paid. Even so, I see few voters expressing outrage over this.

Consider: Animal rights activists are up in arms over the death of an elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo. While sad, this in no way compares to the deaths of the poor, the homeless and those with AIDS. When it comes to these people the attitude of the American public seems to be, "It's your own damn fault!"

If there were poor, homeless, AIDS infected elephants thousands of people would be outraged and demand action. Human beings in the same condition

don't seem to count for much.

Consider: The self-proclaimed environmental president recently told U.S. automakers that the federal government will forgo upcoming regulations which require them to make more fuel efficient cars.

The depletion of the ozone layer will continue, as will our dependency on foreign oil. It might save a few jobs in an election year so I guess it is worth the price. Never mind that this country just went to war because of our dependency on foreign oil.

Consider: Five United States senators accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from what they claim was a "constituent." This "constituent," Charles Keating, didn't even live in their states! After accepting the money, these same senators voted on measures relating to Keating's Savings and Loans—a conflict of interest at the very least.

To top it off, the taxpayer is now paying billions of dollars to bail out the Savings and Loan industry. Where is the outrage?

Consider: Almost everyone agrees that the economic future of this country depends upon a well-educated work force. Even so, tuition fees for college students continue to climb while money for student loans seems even harder to get.

I understand voters wanting to bounce their elected officials out of office for bouncing bad checks. What I can't understand is why people fail to get outraged over matters like I've mentioned above. Any one of them is far worse than bouncing bad checks. Few people seem to think so, however. Perhaps now you'll understand why I'm so confused.

Kari Salo

## Should heads roll over bounced checks?

### ■ 'Contempt of Congress' takes on a whole new meaning

WE ARE GOING TO HEAR some pretty creative rhetoric as members of Congress try to explain what is now being termed "Rubbergate."

Checks have been bouncing all over Washington. An ordinary citizen is penalized or even punished for bouncing a check. Yet those that have been elected to represent our best interests—and to be in charge of our tax dollars—have kited checks to the tune of about \$10.8 million, with no penalties attached. In fact, many members have claimed that they weren't even aware they were doing it.

How did this happen? This is the question that everyone is asking, including many of the offenders, but no one is providing any answers.

The House bank was set up so that members could write checks on their individual salary accounts. If the amount of the check exceeded the amount in their per-

sonal account, the check would be covered by using money from other members' accounts without any penalty or interest charges. The bank often did not notify the members as long as the amount would be covered by their next paycheck. The only way that some members now are tallying their bounced checks is that they've just recently been told that there is a red dot in the corner of the check indicating that they had over-drawn their account.

We as citizens are required to abide by the established rules and guidelines of our financial institutions, shouldn't the same be required of those that are elected to best represent us?

A defense being widely used is that these were not tax payers' dollars—it was the salaries of the members of Congress. But even though it was not directly the people's money, if one can not manage one's own personal account, how can one be trusted to manage the monies of the citizens one represents?

It's kind of an insecure feeling to know that part of our government

has been allowed to set their own rules—rules that don't coincide with the rules that the people of the United States are required operate by. And even when members of Congress have been found guilty of a serious offense, it is they, the offenders, who decide what information should or shouldn't be provided to the public. Somehow, this just doesn't seem right. What happened to "of and for the people?"

In *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, a freshman Congressman (played by James Stewart) hopes to make a difference. But his willing and eager spirit and high ideals are quickly dashed as he realizes that he is a very small part of an already established system that denies itself reform, even if it's positive and very needed reform.

In our governmental system, statesmen with the same hopes and ideals are probably crying "how could this have happened?" Yet, with a system that's been in place for as long as ours has, and with an average of 98 percent of all incumbent Congressmen that run being re-elected, isn't it likely that our system denies itself reform as well?

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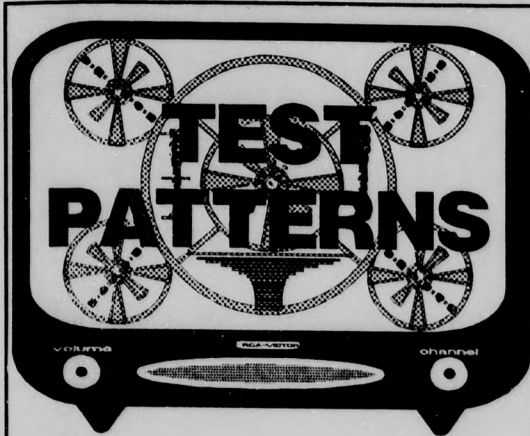
*Cimmaron*, starring Wesley Ruggles and Irene Dunne, is the only western to win an Oscar for Best Picture. The film was made in 1931.

# DIVERSIONS

"A novelist may lose his readers for a few pages; a playwright never dares lose his audience for a minute."  
— Terrence Rattigan, 1956

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## Getting Inside Herman's Head

By F. Colin Kingston  
el Don Editor in Chief

Fox may be the smallest of the four television networks but it is also the most willing to take chances with unusual concepts. *The Simpsons* and *In Living Color* are two prime examples. Another Fox series worth tuning in is *Herman's Head*.

The plot of *Herman's Head* sounds ordinary enough: William Ragsdale stars as a young, aspiring writer working as a researcher at a publishing company while waiting for his big break.

The twist of this series is that the audience sees and hears Herman's four main personality traits, Angel, Wimp, Genius and Animal, giving him advice on everyday situations.

Angel (played by Molly Hagan) is Herman's politically-correct, sensitive side; Wimp (played by Rick Lawless) Herman's overly apprehensive ego; Genius (played by Peter MacKenzie) his source of wisdom and practicality; and Animal (played by Ken Hudson) his more primal side representing such things and partying and sex.

The fun of *Herman's Head* is watching how each of Herman's personality traits respond to a situation and how they try to influence his behavior. Each personality trait has their own unique perspective. Here is a sampling:

On dating: Angel: "Flowers, wine, intellectual conversation over a candlelit dinner. No red meat." Genius: "The Museum of Modern Art; I favor Neo-Realism." Wimp: "Am I sure she'll even go out with me?" Animal: "Bowling with the guys while the chicks get the beer."

On studying: Genius: "I would characterize studying as more of a pleasant diversion from the harsher realities of life, wouldn't you?" Wimp: "Five hours a day, with frequent breaks to enforce external learning cues; anything lower than a 'B' will ruin my chances for grad school. Animal: Huh?"

On spare time: Angel: "Serve meals to the homeless at local shelter." Genius: "Polish off that resume!" Animal: "Polish off that keg."

On sex: Angel: "Abstain." Genius: "Wear a condom." Wimp: "Let me worry about getting a date first." Animal: "Make sure the parking brake is on."

The cast of *Herman's Head* is more than adequate. William Ragsdale is particularly appealing as Herman. Of the four personality traits, Animal usually has the best lines - though not necessarily the best advice.

*Herman's Head* is one of the few shows designed primarily for the college student though you certainly don't have to be a college student to enjoy the show.

You don't need a genius around to figure out that *Herman's Head* airs Sunday evenings at 9:30 p.m. on KTTV-TV Channel 11.

## First lady of comedy

■ Beth Lapidés finds so much humor in politics she is running for first lady

By Claudia Saucedo  
el Don Staff Writer

Many people find humor in politics. Beth Lapidés, a performance artist and comedian, finds more than most. That is why she announced her decision to run for first lady - that's right, first lady. According to Lapidés, the first lady should be elected on her merits and not just because she is "sleeping with the president."

The idea of running began as part of her comedy routine. It has now blossomed into becoming a major part of her performance art.

Lapidés has performed in comedy clubs, theaters and art performance spaces in Los Angeles and New York. Her performances have been recognized as the Best of Theater '89 by the Los Angeles Times, and Performance Pick of the Week by LA Weekly. Her unique comedy allows her audience to think while they laugh at the current issues she discusses. Lapidés expresses her individuality through her ideas of what she thinks the responsibilities of the first lady should be.

According to Lapidés, these responsibilities should include shedding the "full disclosure" part of her past, such as taking drugs, that candidates normally want to hide.

Lapidés believes the position should be detached from that of the president and work throughout the world. "We are just in an age of unbelievable expansion of conflicts," Lapidés says. "We are living just by thinking that it will get better later."

She sees the first lady traveling continuously throughout the nation helping to regulate humanistic issues. Lapidés believes the first lady should help this world "survive the traumas in our society." Interestingly, Lapidés says the first lady need not be a woman.

According to Lapidés, the most important concept of her campaign is "to introduce a sort of 'ying and yang to our nation' - the presidents' other half!"

"Everything around us is so American," Lapidés says. "People should get rid of this nationalism thing. It's a survival thing for the planet."

"What is wrong with this nationalism," Lapidés adds, "is that it is easy to lose your humor, and if you lose your humor, you've lost your lightness."

One of Lapidés' first political decisions was becoming an artist. "My choice was to not make work (art) for people in a different class structure than I," says Lapidés. She worked creating art for a few years living in Brooklyn before becoming an artist per-



Photo by Maurice Davis

NO LAUGHING MATTER - Beth Lapidés says the first lady shouldn't get the job "just because she is sleeping with the president."

former.

She feels taking a political stand is the "responsible thing" to do, "but if I can't, I can't go into a state of despair, [because] it means that it is already ended."

Lapidés has received national attention and support for her campaign. It was something totally unexpected. Before leaving town for some performances she sent out a campaign flyer. Much to her surprise, Lapidés was overwhelmed with letters and funds from all over the nation supporting her humorist campaign.

Lapidés has a candid approach to the election. Most of her insights reflect being tired of living in a man's world. Her wit and character reveal a performance that defines society.

Her main motive, she says, is that we are not "all fine all the time." She believes that in an age of needed change, people are afraid of change. Lapidés says we need to stand up and say "No, I'm not ok!"

Beth Lapidés is currently playing at the Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica. Tickets average \$10. Advance reservations are recommended.

## What's up

### Art Exhibition

Sculpture artist John Outerbridge was the featured artist for Art Week '92. His exhibit, *Art: African American. The Southern California Experience*, runs through April 2 and is featured in the main gallery of Bldg. C located on the main Santa Ana campus. For information regarding gallery hours and possible guided tours call 564-5600.

### Poets Wanted

Entries are now being accepted in the National College Poetry Contest. Sponsored by International Publications, the contest is open to all college and university students. Winning entries will be featured in the American College Poets Anthology. The contest also offers \$250 in prize money. For more information please contact: International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044 or call (213) 755-1814. Entry deadline is March 31.

### On Stage

The Professional Actors Conservatory presents Shakespeare's classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Phillips Hall April 2 through 5. *Dream* tells the story of a royal marriage, a dispute between the King and Queen of the fairies and the passion of young love and is Shakespeare's most popular comedy. Showtimes are 8 p.m. April 2, 3, 4, and 5 and 2:30 p.m. on April 5. Ticket prices are \$8 general admission, \$6 for seniors and students. *Dream* will be presented at Phillips Hall, located on the main RSC campus. For reservations call 564-5661.

### Political Humor

"Oliphant's Presidents: 25 years of Caricature" offers a look at the American presidency through the eyes of a Pulitzer prize-winning political cartoonist. On display at the Fullerton Museum Center through April 25. The Center is located at 301 N. Pomona Ave. Admission is \$2. For information call 738-6545.



## Cutting edge graphics make *Lawnmower Man* a slashing success

By Justine Burgess  
el Don Staff Writer

The *Lawnmower Man* bears no resemblance to the Stephen King short story from which it is adapted.

This attention grabbing movie takes place mainly in the fantastic computer world of virtual reality. In the story it is possible for people equipped with a special headpiece to interface with the computer world of virtual reality.

Dr. Lawrence Angelo (Pierce Brosnan) is a government scientist experimenting with virtual reality training on chimpanzees. Ready for a human subject, he comes upon Jobe (Jeff Fahey), his lawnmower man. Dr. Lawrence attempts to increase Jobe's intelligence tenfold, transforming Jobe from a limited mental capacity to super intelligence through the use of the virtual reality program. The experiment backfires when the exposure to the program gives Jobe incredible mental powers, such as telepathy

and telekinesis. This leads to a psychotic state of mind which brings out the killer in Jobe's gentle personality. Jobe's goal becomes infiltrating the world network of computer systems, turning himself into pure energy, and overthrowing the world. Dr. Lawrence tries desperately to stop him.

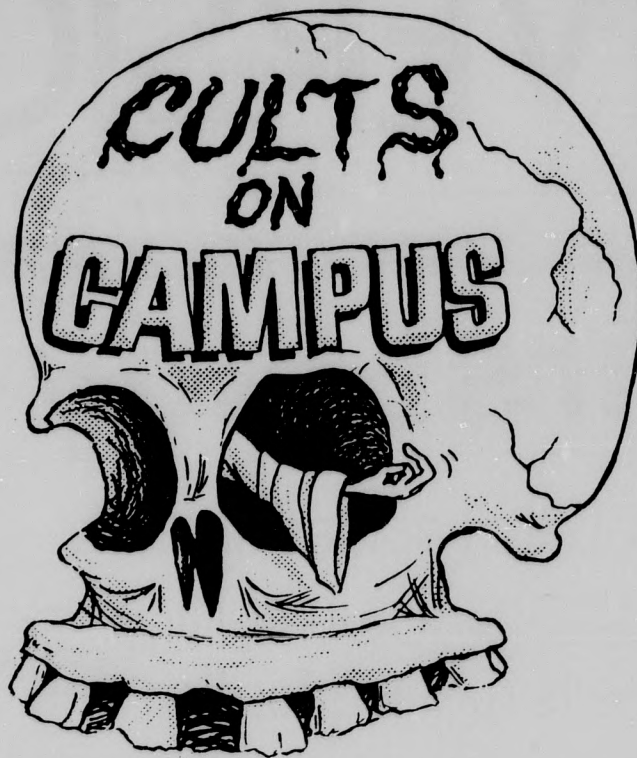
Computer animation stands out and is the best feature of the movie. The graphics were produced by Xaos (pronounced chaos), a San Francisco computer animation firm. The graphics are very unique - everything flows in smooth, continuous motion, contrasting sharply with most sharp edged computer graphics.

*Lawnmower Man* grabs and keeps your attention to the conclusion. Introduction to the newly evolving world of virtual reality should keep interest in this movie high.

Rated: R (strong language, adult situations)

### Blame it on the Bellboy

(CPS) - Serviceable comedy of errors from first-time British writer-director Mark Herman. The ensemble cast includes Dudley Moore, Bryan Brown and Richard Griffiths. They play diverse characters with similar names. When the bellboy at a Venice hotel misdirects their mail, the zaniness takes off at a fast clip. The mistaken-identity high jinks is silly at times, but brisk direction makes it work well. (PG-13)



By Karen Neustadt  
Special to el Don

(CPS) - As American society grows more complex, campuses have become fertile ground for cults that prey on idealistic students in search of new lifestyles, the Cult Awareness Network warns.

The Chicago-based organization, which keeps an eye on cult activity in the nation, estimates that as many as 2,000 cults may be operating in the United States, with 4 million to 6 million members.

Cult recruitment activity is becoming more deceptive and more difficult to spot, experts say. Members often take pains to appear harmless, shedding their "counterculture" image in favor of a look of mainstream respectability.

"The biggest myth is that students think they would recognize cult recruiting when it is going on, so they are very vulnerable," said Cynthia Kisser, executive director of CAN.

CAN defines a cult as a "closed system whose followers have been unethically and deceptively recruited through the use of manipulative techniques, thought reform or mind control. The system is imposed without the informed consent of the recruit and is designed to alter personality and behavior."

Through indoctrination and control of the environment, an unsuspecting person becomes bonded to the group, Kisser says. "Super friendly people" flatter students, making them feel important and cared for.

Many complaints have surrounded a group called the Boston Church for Christ (not related to the mainstream Church of Christ), which is represented on campuses across the country. According to its critics, the organization uses a mind-control technique known as "disciplining" to bond students to members.

The Boston Church of Christ has drawn strong criticism from school officials who are distributing warning fliers to students at Harvard, Boston, Northwestern and Tufts Universities, the University of Massachusetts and Marquette University.

The church says its mission is legitimate. The Boston Movement was started by Kip McKean in 1979. According to the Winter 1990 issue of the movement's magazine, "Discipleship," the membership in the ministries totaled 28,724 in 1990 and continues to grow.

Rebecca Fritsley, a member of the Greater Philadelphia Church, refuted charges that the organization is a cult.

"The Church of Christ is not a cult. I am a member of my own free will. The church follows the Bible to the letter, and I follow the church," she said.

Cult recruitment concentrates on white, upper-middle class youths in their late teens and early 20s, said Gregory S. Blimling, dean of students at Appalachia State College, who has published several papers on the topic.

Studies say that cults seek out students of average and above-average intelligence who are looking for answers to philosophical questions about life.

"There is no question that destructive religious cults rob students of the very things they have joined

## ■ Critics warn that cults flourish by using deceptive recruiting methods to lure lonely or curious students

together in universities to teach," Blimling said.

"There are people who have gone off for a weekend at 19, and awakened at 30, with the best years of their life gone," Blimling said.

"The issue of campuses is not a set of beliefs...it is an issue of conduct, whether these people are honest or not, what kind of high pressure techniques they are using, and what is their motive. Are they just using people?" Blimling said.

Kisser's organization is made up of 2,000 members who have been affected by cults. CAN membership is a mix of former cult members and families and friends of past cult members.

"Cults don't convince you intellectually, but recruit you by inviting you to...a positive experience. They appeal to emotional desires, like 'making the world a better place.' It's the emotional manipulation that is dangerous - actually, the intellectual arguments are quite weak," Kisser said.

Not all cults are religious-based, Kisser said. "Some are operating within political, commercial and pseudo-therapy circles. They aren't all on religious communes in Guyana," she said.

Kisser describes new styles of cults that are in search of professionals and college students who will soon be professionals. She said these groups are "more dangerous and insidious" than religious groups because they are "increasingly subtle and sophisticated."

"Because we are becoming more pluralistic, there is a greater tolerance for unproven groups without track records, and students didn't know how to evaluate these groups," Kisser said.

Blimling added that there is some hysteria regarding Satanic cults on campuses, and though some students may dabble in it, he is more concerned, like Kisser, about the newer, more sophisticated pseudo-therapy cults.

Rev. Dr. Anselm Amadio, university chaplain at the Illinois Institute of Technology, shares the same concerns about deceptive recruiting methods that seem to be in fashion among cults.

"It's not the intense kind of proselytizing that the Moonies used to do," Amadio said. "It's much more subtle. I've seen in some recruiting a way of trying to wean students into the cult by relating to their past."

Amadio describes the kind of student who may be vulnerable to being wooed by a cult as "someone who has a weak parental relationship, or a weak ego image" or someone going through a time of transition or loneliness.

"The public universities have the problem. At a private university, a group has to have a relationship to the university," Amadio said.

Cult watchers are troubled about several new breed of Christian cults that, at a glance, may appear to be like other Christian campus organizations but who employ highly manipulative plays to entice students to join.

CAN reports that an increasing number of colleges and universities are seeking information and practical advice about handling cults on their campuses.

At Villanova University, non-student church recruiters have been banned from the campus as a result of complaints about harassment.

Many public schools fear that barring questionable organizations from campus might interfere with students' freedom to pursue religious interests. Some private schools, however, are routinely citing recruiters with "trespassing" violations.

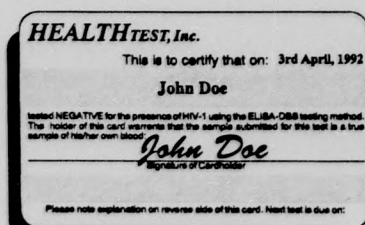


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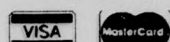
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## THEY SAID IT...

"All we're trying to do this year is establish some work ethic and earn a little respect - and we've gotten that from every team we've played so far."

- RSC men's volleyball coach Lance Stewart, when asked about his goals for this season, RSC's first in the SCC.

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# Sports

## IT'S A FACT

RSC sophomore pitcher Celeste Gordon needs just 10 strikeouts to become the Lady Dons' all-time career leader. Through games of March 13, Gordon's total of 125 K's was nine short of Dawn Robertson's record of 134 set in 1987 and 1988.

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## SPORTS WIRE

### Former Dons Star in NCAA Tournament

Erik Martin and Corie Blount, who led RSC to the state basketball title last year, played key roles as Cincinnati advanced to the Sweet 16 of this year's NCAA Tournament. It was the Bearcats first NCAA appearance in 17 years.

Had No. 1 seed Kansas not been upset by Texas El Paso Sunday, Martin and Blount would have faced former Don teammate Alonzo Jamison Thursday in the Midwest Regional at Kansas City, Mo. Jamison, who led RSC to its first state title in 1989-90, saw his collegiate career come to an end when the Jayhawks lost to UTEP 66-60.

Another former Don - Washington junior point guard Brett Pagett - missed the tournament when the Huskies failed to qualify for post-season play. Pagett is the son of Dons' head coach Dana Pagett.

### Cerritos Wins State Basketball Title

Cerritos College, which eliminated RSC in the Southern regional play-offs March 7, claimed the state title with an 89-87 win over Northern California champion West Valley March 14 in San Jose. RSC lost to West Valley 112-66 in a Grossmont Tournament game in December. The Dons finished with a 23-10 record after winning the title two years in a row.

### 1992 Grid Schedule Set

RSC's 1992 football schedule - which includes a home game Oct. 24 against defending state champion Palomar College - was announced last week.

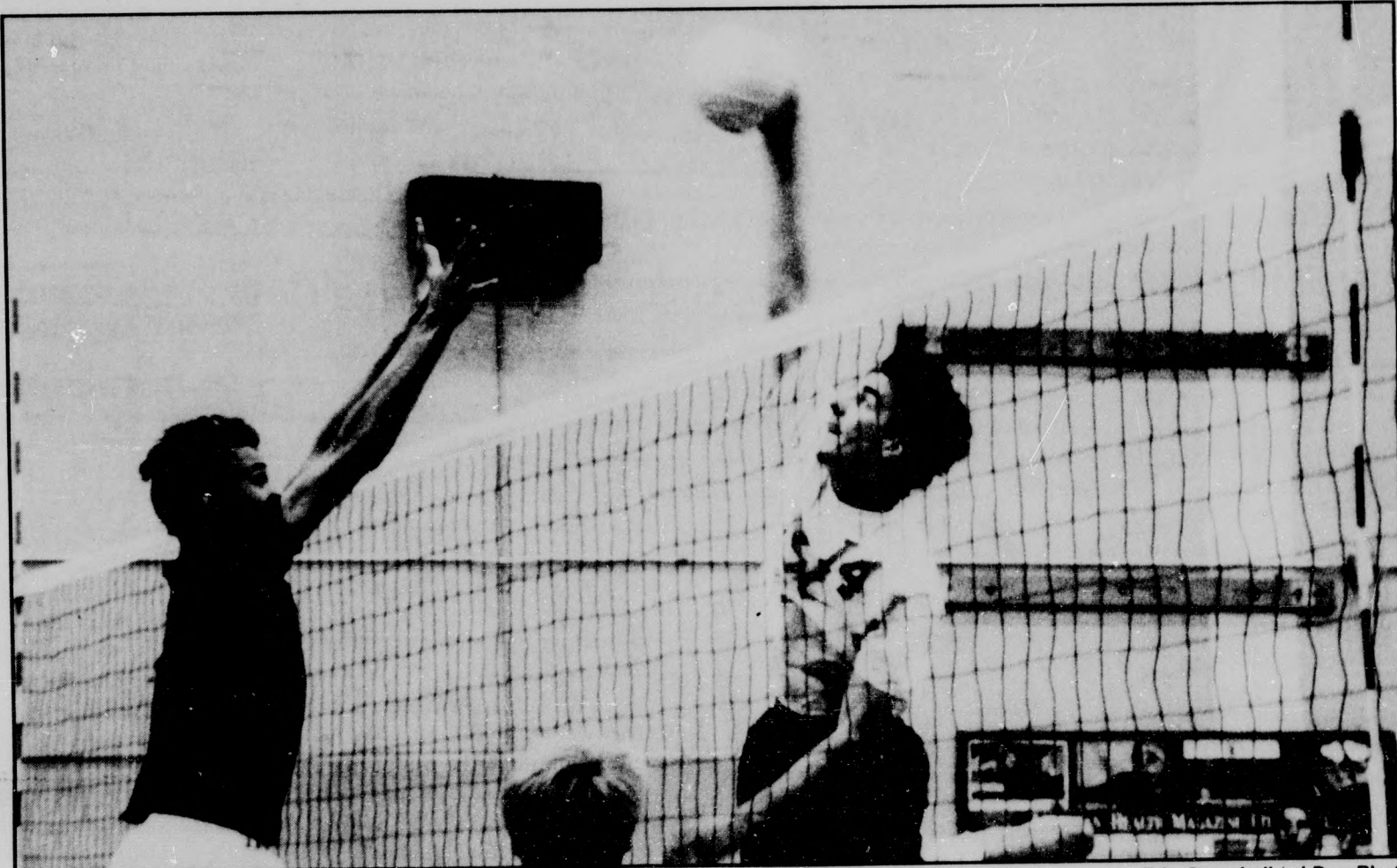
The Dons open on the road at San Diego Mesa Sept. 12 and close at Fullerton Nov. 21. In between are five Saturday home games at Santa Ana Stadium, Civic Center Drive and Flower Street. Starting time for all games - home and away - is 7 p.m.

**The full schedule: (home games in CAPS)**

Sept. 12 - San Diego Mesa  
Sept. 26 - **PASADENA CITY**  
Oct. 3 - Mt. San Antonio  
Oct. 10 - **SADDLEBACK**  
Oct. 17 - El Camino  
Oct. 24 - **PALOMAR**  
Oct. 31 - Orange Coast  
Nov. 7 - **RIVERSIDE**  
Nov. 14 - **GOLDEN WEST**  
(Homecoming)  
Nov. 21 - Fullerton

## Dons come close to spiking SBCC

■ Despite losing record, Men's Volleyball team nearly nails powerhouse Santa Barbara



Eric Campbell / el Don Photo

**IN YOUR FACE** - RSC's Mike Bradach (14) leaps high to spike ball against Santa Barbara defender. Despite 14 kills by Bradach, Dons lost match 3-0.

By Ev Phillips  
el Don Sports Editor

Rancho Santiago, playing at a decided height disadvantage against a veteran team, gave Santa Barbara City College all it could handle before bowing 15-3, 16-14 and 17-15 in a non-conference men's volleyball match Friday.

Santa Barbara dominated the first game, scoring almost at will against the overmatched Dons. But in the second game, RSC came back behind the hitting of Mike Bradach and Joe Ugalde.

The Dons led most of the way and built a 14-9 lead. But with Ugalde serving for the game, RSC failed to capitalize and the visitors came back with seven consecutive points to steal the victory.

The third game was a carbon copy of the second, with the Dons again unable to hold

a lead. Ahead 12-8 following a Bradach block, RSC let the game - and the match - slip away. The Dons led for the last time at 14-13 with freshman Ki Yi (Ocean View) serving for the game. But Santa Barbara held again and went on to win 17-15.

Despite the loss, which dropped RSC's overall record to 1-10, coach Lance Stewart is pleased with the progress his first-year team is making.

"Our middle attack was born tonight and we also played some good defense. The biggest thing was that we competed. We didn't back down and really went after them," Stewart said.

The Dons return to conference action April 1 against Palomar and April 3 against Grossmont.

Both matches will be played at 7 p.m. in building W next to Bill Cook Gym.



Eric Campbell / el Don Photo

**MIGHTY MITE** - RSC's Joe Ugalde hits jump-serve against Santa Barbara. Only 5-9, Ugalde leads Dons with 123 kills and 11 aces.

From The Front Rooow... By Ev Phillips

## Men's Volleyball: Lance has 'a lot' to do

RSC men's volleyball coach Lance Stewart is a young man with a mission. Some might call it Mission Impossible. Stewart's challenge: start from scratch and put Rancho Santiago on the community college volleyball map. Despite some big obstacles, it's a challenge the former Laguna Beach High School coach readily accepts.

Consider what he's been up against. This is RSC's first year in the tough South Coast Conference, arguably one of the best in the country. He was hired too late to do any recruiting for this year's team and has had to build around athletes already on campus. All are freshmen. None - with the exception

"Our guys have done a good job. So we're real excited about next year. We can be a state playoff team. With the addition of a couple of middle blockers, we'll be right there."

— Lance Stewart  
Men's Volleyball Coach

of Mike Bradach, who joined the team after the basketball season ended two weeks ago - is over six feet tall. Kill leader Joe Ugalde is 5-9.

RSC's opponents are invariably much taller and more experienced. When the Dons take the floor, it's David against Goliath. Only these days, Goliath usually wins. RSC's

record is 1-5 in conference and 1-10 overall.

But Stewart isn't discouraged and neither are his players. They've been competitive and are getting better. The goals Stewart set for his team are realistic: establish a strong work ethic and earn a little bit of respect. Winning will come later. As Friday's match against Santa Barbara showed, he's getting his message across. The Dons played with intensity and, with more consistent serving, might have pulled off the upset.

"Everyone's improved," Stewart said. "If

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## Coach comes under fire for racial slur

■ Small college football coach uses offensive language towards blacks. He says is sorry and his comment was stupid.

By Leroy Boyer  
Special to el Don

MILLERSVILLE, PA. (CPS)-The athletic director at Millersville University has apologized for making a racial slur that was overheard by a member of the football team.

Dr. Gene A. Carpenter, director of men's athletics, held a news conference Feb. 14 to tell athletes that he regretted making the offensive remark.

"I am here today to apologize for a remark that I made Tuesday (Feb. 11) that unintentionally offended black people," said Carpenter, who has been head football coach at Millersville for 22 years. "Earlier this week, I said something stupid. In a causal conversation with a worker in my office, I used the word 'nigger.'"

It was a thoughtless remark. It was inconsiderate, inappropriate and unsuitable. I am embarrassed."

According to Dr. Gary Reighard, vice president for student affairs, Carpenter made the remark during a conversation with two workers at the football office.

The slur was overheard by Lavelle Baker, a tight end on the football team, who along with other

black athletes, complained to the administration.

The complaint resulted in meetings between university administrators and members of the football and basketball teams, who discussed the concerns of black athletes.

No disciplinary action has been announced against the athletic director.

At his new conference, Carpenter asked for forgiveness.

"It hurts me that I have inadvertently hurt those who I respect very much, and I hope they can forgive me...for that mistake," he said.

Vladimir D'Argenio, a safety on the football team, read a statement on behalf of black athletes.

"Dr. Carpenter's use of the racial derogatory statement was an overt

demonstration of the kind of behavior that has gone on subtly for a long time," D'Argenio said.

University President Joseph Caputo announced a series of steps by the university, including hiring more black coaches for the athletic staff, involving athletes in the interview and selection of coaches, appointing an adviser to the athletes and on-going education on racial issues and multiculturalism for all coaching staff and athletes. "Racial slurs and all other forms of racism have no place in our society, and I believe we all know that.

They certainly have no place at this university, and we will not tolerate behavior in any of these forms," Caputo said.

## VOLLEYBALL:

Record doesn't reveal work ethic, progress

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When the Dons take the floor, it's David against Goliath. Only these days, Goliath usually wins.

you could have watched our practices at the beginning of the year and saw where we are now, you'd be real amazed. To come into a sport like this having played only one year and to compete against these people ... I mean, it's tough.

Our guys have done a good job. So we're real excited about next year. We can be a state playoff team. With the addition of a couple of middle blockers, we'll be right there."

Stewart will probably have to go outside the district to find what he's looking for. Volleyball at the high school level in the Rancho Santiago Community College District is just now getting off the ground.

Some schools don't even have a program. Most have been around only three or four years. Only Mater Dei has an established program.

Fortunately for RSC, Stewart has a following from his days as head coach at Laguna Beach and, more recently, as the assistant men's coach at UC Irvine. That background should pay off while he waits for the district schools to get their act together.

Still, the Dons have an outside shot at a playoff spot this year if they can turn their game up a notch and knock off the likes of Palomar, Grossmont, Golden West and Irvine Valley in the second half of the schedule.

But even if that doesn't happen, coach Stewart has done an outstanding job under difficult circumstances. His mission is far from accomplished, but we like what we see so far.

## Lady Dons lose again, scoreless streak at 20

By Ricky Robinson  
el Don Staff Writer

CERRITOS-The Rancho Santiago Lady Dons dropped their third straight game Friday with a 2-0 loss to Cerritos College. The shut-out extended RSC's scoreless streak to 20 innings.

RSC(2-3, 7-10) fell to sixth place in the Orange Empire Conference with losses to Cypress, Riverside, and Cerritos.

"We've been getting runners on, but it's been our inability to get runners home when they do get on," said RSC head coach Kim Nutter. "It's just a matter of time before we get through this and start scoring runs again."

Despite their record, the Dons have two of the top hitters in the conference. Freshman shortstop Jennifer Raworth leads the OEC with a .500 average in five conference games and sophomore centerfielder Tina Trujillo is third at .444.

The Lady Dons will attempt to end their losing streak with four of the next five games being played at home.



Eric Campbell / el Don Photo

STRIKEOUT QUEEN - Celeste Gordon fires another fastball as she closes in on Lady Dons' all-time career strikeout record.

### BASEBALL UPDATE

#### OEC standings as of Mar. 19

	Conf.	Overall
RSC	7-3-1	14-7-1
Riv	6-4	13-7
Sad	6-4-1	10-7-2
Ful	5-6	12-10-1
OCC	4-5	10-6
Cyp	4-7	15-10
GW	3-6	10-9-1

#### RSC hitting leaders

	BA	HR	RBI
Butler	.396	1	10
Lindsey	.386	3	14
Richardson	.348	1	6
Medina	.317	1	4
Truel	.315	0	11
Lugo	.305	1	8

#### RSC pitching leaders

	W-L	ERA
Thobe	4-1	1.88
Fontana	5-0	2.22
Filbeck	2-0	3.67
Goldstein	2-4	4.01

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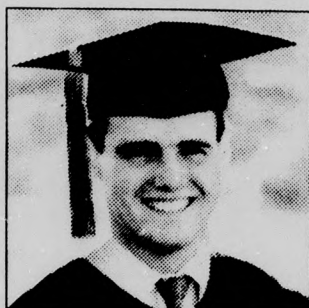


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